

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 7, 15, and 21 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus having a printing function and a scanning function, said printing apparatus comprising:

an execution unit, adapted to execute a print job or a scan job;

~~an output control unit, adapted to control a display unit to display data;~~

an operation unit, adapted to display an operation screen for allowing a user to operate said printing apparatus by entering a key on the operation screen; and

a storage unit, adapted to store client display data for causing a browser provided in a Web client to form an input column for a character message<sub>1</sub>; ~~and~~

wherein said printing apparatus can be accessed by external apparatuses and said printing apparatus further comprises[[:]] (a) a transmission unit, adapted to transmit to one of the external apparatuses that serves as a Web client the client display data stored in said storage unit for use in a client display screen in which a character message to be displayed is input<sub>1</sub>; ~~and~~ (b) a reception unit, adapted to receive (i) message data based on a character message input by the Web client via the client display screen displayed on the basis of the client display data transmitted by said transmission unit and (ii) timing information input by the Web client via the client display screen displayed on the basis of the client display data transmitted by said transmission unit, and

wherein said ~~output control unit causes the display unit to display~~ operation unit displays a message formed based on the message data received by said reception unit, in accordance with the timing information.

2 - 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~the display~~ said operation unit has is adapted to display different display areas including a first display area and a second display area, and

wherein said transmission unit transmits the client display data stored in said storage unit to the Web client for causing the browser provided in the Web client to form respective different input columns for character messages corresponding to the first and second display areas.

8 - 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) A printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said transmission unit transmits the client display data including the message formed based on the message data received by said reception unit, to another external apparatus that serves as another Web client, and

wherein the client display data transmitted to the another Web client is read by a browser provided in the another Web client.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A control method for a printing apparatus

(1) comprising (a) ~~a Web server that can be accessed by external apparatuses and (b) a display an operation unit, adapted to display an operation screen for allowing a user to operate the printing apparatus by entering a key on the operation screen,~~ and (c) (b) a storage unit, wherein the printing apparatus can be accessed by external apparatuses, and (2) having a printing function and a scanning function, comprising:

executing a print job or a scan job;

~~controlling the display unit to display data;~~

(a) transmitting, from ~~the Web server of~~ the printing apparatus, to an external apparatus that serves as a Web client display data stored in the storage unit for causing a browser provided in the Web client to form an input column for a character message and for use in a client display screen in which a character message to be displayed is input;

~~(b) receiving, by the Web server of~~ the printing apparatus, (i) message data based on a character message input by the Web client via the client display screen displayed on the basis of the transmitted client display data and (ii) timing information input by the Web client via the client display screen displayed on the basis of the transmitted client display data,

wherein ~~said controlling step includes causing the display unit to display the operation~~  
unit displays a message formed based on the received message data, in accordance with the  
timing information.

16 - 20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) The control method for the printing apparatus according to  
claim 15, wherein said ~~display operation~~ unit ~~has~~ is adapted to display different display areas  
including a first display area and a second display area, and

wherein the client display data stored in said storage unit is transmitted to the Web  
client to cause the browser provided in the Web client to form respective different input columns  
for character messages corresponding to the first and second display areas.

22 - 26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously Presented) The control method for the printing apparatus according  
to claim 15, wherein the client display data including the message formed based on the message  
data received by said reception unit, is transmitted to another external apparatus that serves as  
another Web client, and

wherein the client display data transmitted to another Web client is read by a browser  
provided in the another Web client.

28 - 56. (Cancelled)

57. (Previously Presented) A printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the timing information specifies displaying the message in response to said execution unit being in a standby state.